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1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNICEF HENRY LABOISSE MADE A STATEMENT COVERING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION DURING THE PAST YEAR. EMERGENCIES DID NOT TAKE THE ATTENTION OF THE STAFF FROM REGULAR PROGRAMS TO THE DEGREE THAT IT DID IN 1971. THE NEWLY CREATED POST OF EMERGENCY COORDINATOR AT UNICEF IS NOW FUNCTIONING, THEREBY RELIEVING OTHER STAFF OF MUCH OF THE BURDEN OF THIS TYPE OF WORK. HE SAID THAT THE AGENCY HAD ATTEMPTED TO MEET THE BOARD'S WISHES FOR AN EMPHASIS ON LONG- TERM PROGRAMS. IN BANGLADESH A CLEAN WATER PROJECT HAS DEVELOPED WHICH GREW OUT OF EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES. THE DIRECTOR ALSO COVERED BRIEFLY ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS REGIONS. MENTION WAS MADE REGARDING CONTACTS WITH DVN AND THE PRG IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INDOCHINA PROPOSAL. MR. LABOISSE ALSO INFORMED BOARD MEMBERS THAT UNICEF WAS (IN PURSUANCE OF GA RES 2980 (XXVII) CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES) " ASSISTING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN FROM LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND REFUGEES IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA."

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2. TWENTY DELS HAVE SPOKEN DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF

THE GENERAL DEBATE. DISCUSSIONS WERE OPENED WITH A STATEMENT BY THE US DEL. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR MORE WOMEN ON THE UNICEF STAFF; THE RECRUITMENT OF MORE VOLUNTEERS FROM CURRENT SOURCES AS WELL AS THE UN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR FIELD WORK; IMPROVED EVALUATION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION HE REQUESTED THAT UNICEF REPORT NEXT YEAR ON THE KIND OF DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS IT PLANS TO UNDERTAKE. AS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMITE, AGAIN REQUESTED THAT UNICEF'S BUDGET BE PRESENTED ON ONE PAGE IN THE FINANCIAL DOCUMENT.

3. OTHER DELS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON NUTRITION, WOMEN, DRUG ADDICTION, AND 3 SECT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FUNDS FROM UNFPA, THE EMERGENCY RESERVE, AND THE INTERCHANGEABILITY OF FUNDS BETWEEN GENERAL RESOURCES AND NOTED PROJECTS.

4. THE CONGOLESE DEL PRAISING THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT STATED THAT HIS DEL WILL SUBMIT A DRAFT RES URGING INCREASED UNICEF ASSISTANCE TO THE COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

5. FUNDS FROM UNFPA-- OF THOSE COUNTRIES RESPONDING TO THIS RECOMMENDATION THE US, FRANCE, NORWAY, TURKEY AND THE UK FAVORED THE RECOMMENDATION. SWITZERLAND OPPOSED THE REQUEST.

6. EMERGENCY FUND-- THE US, SWITZERLAND, UK, NORWAY, FRANCE, GERMANY, EGYPT ALL FAVORED THE REPLENISHMENT OF THE EMERGENCY RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.6 MILLION TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM THE END OF THIS (BOARD) SESSION THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1974. THE USSR OPPOSED THIS RECOMMENDATION.

7. INTERCHANGEABILITY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGULAR PROJECTS WITH " NOTED" COMPONENTS-- THE US OPPOSED THIS RECOMMENDATION; CANADA SUPPORTED THE MEASURE BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST AN IMBALANCE OF UNICEF RESOURCES FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS. SWITZERLAND FELT THAT INTERCHANGEABILITY WAS NOT NECESSARY. THE DEL FELT THAT IF COUNTRIES WANT TO DONATE FUNDS THEY SHOULD DO SO AT THE BOARD SESSION. THIS WAY HE FELT THAT THE RIGHT OF THE BOARD TO DECIDE PROJECTS WILL BE RESERVED AND RESPECTED. CANADA, FRANCE, NORWAY, TURKEY AND THE UK ALL FAVOR INTERCHANGEABILITY. NORWAY SUGGEST A 2- YEAR TRIAL PERIOD.

8. DRUG ABUSE-- THE US DEL FELT THAT INFORMATION/ EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE EXPLORED BY UNICEF AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE NEXT SESSION THOSE PROPOSALS FEASIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. CANADA CONCURRED WITH THE US THAT AN INFORMATION/ EDUCATION RESEARCH STUDY SHOULD BE UNDER-

TAKEN BEFORE UNICEF MOVES TOWARD PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS. THE PHILIPPINES, ALGERIA, EGYPT, FRANCE, USSR ALL FELT THAT DRUG ADDICTION WAS NOT A PROBLEM THAT NICEF SHOULD CONCERN ITSELF WITH. SINCE OTHER UN AGENCIES WERE WORKING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. AT MOST UNICEF SHOULD NOT FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE AS A MAJOR PRIORITY. TURKEY, NIGERIA SUPPORT UNICEF'S PROPOSED ACTION IN DRUG ABUSE. THE TURKISH DEL SAID GROWTH OF ADDICTION REQUIRES INCREASED INFORMATION, REHABILITATION CENTERS AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES WORKING IN THIS AREA. DR. SILVA, THE NIGERIA DEL, NOTED THAT DRUG ADDICTION IS GROWING IN HER COUNTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE UNICEF CAN GIVE.

9. INDOCHINA-- ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THE INDOCHINA PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE SECT RECOMMENDING ASSISTANCE TO MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN THE REGION. THE SWEDISH DEL SAID THAT ALL PARTIES CITED IN THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ASSISTED AND THERE SHOULD BE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL RECEIVING UNICEF AID.

10. \$100 MILLION IN 1975-- MOST DELS NOTED THEIR CONCERN REGARDING UNICEF REACHING ITS GOAL OF \$100 MILLION BY 1975. ALL ENCOURAGED INCREASED GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS. SEVERAL, INCLUDING THE GERMAN AND SWISS DELS, PROMISED INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1973. THE PHILIPPINE DEL RECOMMENDED THAT UNICEF HAVE A PLEDGING CONFERENCE IN 1974 AS ONE MEANS OF REACHING THE 1975 TARGET.

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11. BUDGET MATTERS-- THE US RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE UK REGARDING THE ONE- PAGE BUDGET PRESENTATION IN FUTURE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. IN ADDITION THE UK REQUESTED A BREAKDOWN OF UNICEF EXPENDITURES IN ORDER THAT BOARD MEMBERS WOULD KNOW HOW MONEY WAS BEING SPENT. THE CANADIAN DEL REFERRING TO A STATEMENT MADE BY THE US DEL DURING THE BUDGET COMITE MEETING AGREED THAT UNICEF MAY BE OVER- COMMITTED. HE SAID THAT THE AGENCY MAY BE MORTGAGING ITS FUTURE FOR SOME TIME TO COME IF COMMITMENTS CONTINUE AS PRESENTED IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

12. WOMEN-- ALL DELS SPOKE VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF MORE PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN. THEY ENCOURAGED UNICEF TO CONTINUE SUCH ACTIVITIES AS THE CONFERENCE IN CAIRO WHICH FOCUSED ATTENTION ON WOMEN AND GIRLS. THE NIGERIAN DEL RECOMMENDED THAT LOCAL WOMEN BE EMPLOYED IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS. THE US AND INDONESIA SUPPORTED UNICEF'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA AND IN ADDITION RECOMMENDED THAT THE AGENCY HIRE MORE WOMEN ON ITS STAFF BOTH IN THE FIELD AND AT HQ.

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